Subject No. 82.

Trials before Taluk Magistrates to be with the aid of Assessors.

Mr. Sankariah of Heggadadevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Provision may be made by the legislature that all trials before Taluk Magistrates may be conducted with the aid of not less than three Assessors selected out of the respectable inhabitants of the taluk.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

Subject No. 83.

Prohibition of Cow Slaughter.

Messrs. Sidda Basava Devaru, Krishnappa of Mysore taluk, Sankarappa Narsimha Murti of Malvalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Cow slaughter should be prohibited.

Reply of Government.—Not possible.

Subject No. 84.

Prohibition of use of cows for ploughing purposes.

Messrs. Srinivasa Josier of Melkote, Sankarappa and Narasimha Murti of Malvalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In many parts of the State cows are employed by the raiyats for ploughing their lands. This is a most objectionable practice and should be discontinued.

Reply of Government.—This is not a proper subject for legislation or Government interference.

Subject No. 85.

Opinion of the Representative Assembly Members in matters of legislation.

Mr. N. Srikantaiya of Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Opinions of Representative Members may be invited before Draft Regulations are passed into law. The Drafts published in the Gazette are not accessible to all, and should be placed before the Representative Assembly and discussed. Or there should be a Legislative Council as in Travancore. Non-official opinion should be taken in all cases.

Reply of Government.—All that is possible is being done. Copies of Draft Regulations will be circulated to those whose opinions are considered valuable. Government cannot bind itself to place all legislative measures before the Representative Assembly, and thereby unnecessarily delay their passing. [*Vide* also replies to Subjects Nos. 77 (*b*) and 170.]

EXCISE.

Subject No. 86.

Bagani Toddy.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur and A. Shama Rao, North Mysore Planters' Association.

Summary of discussion.—The restrictions placed on Bagani toddy as regards malnad raiyats should be removed. These are laboring under great difficulties. The expression "domestic purpose" should be made to include jeetagar's drink. Jeetagars are not coolies, but form part of the landholder's family. They now drink bagani toddy surreptitiously; it would be a graceful act on the part of Government to grant the full concession as prayed for.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 87.

Tree-tax on shendi (date) trees in private holdings.

Messrs. D. Venkataramiah, Bangalore, Rangaiengar, Channapatna, and Linge Gowda, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The tax due to Government on date trees in the holdings of private individuals should be reduced.

(*b*) The income from date trees standing on private holdings (including inam lands) derived by the levy of tree-tax goes to Government and not to the holders. The latter should get the income. [In speaking on this topic,